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SAVE THE DATE! 'BIKE BEAVERTON 2009' SET FOR AUGUST 2

- Spirited Volunteers Sought for Route Marshals and Ice Cream Distributors -

Beaverton, Oregon (May 7, 2009) – Get ready to pedal! The second annual Bike Beaverton community ride has been set for Sunday, August 2 at 1 p.m. at City Park (SW 5th St at Hall Blvd.). Nearly 100 riders participated in the first-ever, family friendly pedal through the streets of Beaverton last summer. This year, Beaverton's Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) is aiming to make the event even bigger and better with the addition of a bike safety rodeo from the Beaverton Police Department (BPD) prior to the ride and post-ride festivities including the return of the ice cream social for the finishers. The committee is also seeking volunteers to act as marshals (and cheerleaders) along the route as well as distributing ice cream at the finish.

"Bike Beaverton is a great opportunity for riders to become more familiar with bicycle routes and alternate transportation options in Beaverton. Plus, it's just plain old-fashioned family fun," said **Mayor Denny Doyle**. "If you aren't planning to ride, I encourage you to volunteer and cheer on the participants."

When: Sunday, August 2: Bike Rodeo at 1 PM and Community Ride at 2 PM
Where: Beaverton's City Park (SW 5th St at Hall Blvd.)

Beaverton Police Department Bike Rodeo – 1 PM

The BPD will kick things off with a safety Bike Rodeo for kids. While riding through an obstacle course, kids will have fun while learning maneuvering skills and how to become safe, confident and aware bike riders. Mechanics will be on hand to inspect bikes before the ride as well as fit and inspect kids' helmets.

Bike Beaverton Community Ride – 2 PM

Led by Mayor Doyle, riders will depart on the six-mile family ride. The clearly marked route will wind through some of Beaverton's quiet (and flat) neighborhood streets. Ride marshals will be along the route to offer encouragement and keep you on track. Following the two-wheeled adventure, the ride will be capped off with an ice-cream social, music and other festivities.

Helmets required. Please bring your own water.

The Beaverton Bicycle Advisory Commission would like to extend our appreciation to the following for their support: Beaverton Police Department, Bike Gallery, City of Beaverton, Frans Pauwels Memorial Community Bicycle Center, Neighborhood Association Committees, Northwest Bicycle Safety Council, Washington County Bicycle Transportation Coalition, local bicycle clubs and other volunteers.

To **volunteer** please call Barbara Chapnick at (503) 598-7866 or send an email to bikebeaverton@comcast.net. For more information and the 2009 Bike Beaverton Route Map, please visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Bike or contact Margaret Middleton at (503) 526-2424. Beaverton has been a recipient of the bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community award since 2003.

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Interview opportunities: Bicycle Advisory Committee members Mary Elizabeth Smith, (503) 626-1950 and Barbara Chapnick, (503) 598-7866, are available for interviews about Bike Beaverton.